



Summer 2017: Drug Overdose Prevention Mini-Grants

Central Falls Office on Health

This project will convene a Substance Use Disorder Prevention Outreach team to offer prevention education, grief counseling, and naloxone training to individuals affected by overdose. The team will include an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) or a police department representative, a community health worker, and a grief counselor.

Crossroads Rhode Island, Providence

The Crossroads team will train all staff, residents, and clients on the administration of naloxone and harm reduction methods at its site that serves over 3,000 homeless and vulnerable Rhode Islanders each year.

Lifespan Hospital, Providence

This project team will collaborate with Rhode Island School of Design to construct NaloxBoxes – cabinets containing multiple doses of naloxone – using a modified design to support large-scale production and broader dissemination. They will be installed in semi-public and public spaces, including state and municipal agencies, for community access to rescue opioid overdose victims.

Newport County Community Mental Health Center

This project will provide naloxone administration training for the staff at McKinney Homeless Shelter. The team will provide overdose prevention group meetings for residents, and will conduct screenings for substance use disorder using the Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST-10).

Protect Families First, Providence

This project will provide overdose prevention and naloxone training to employees of public institutions, with an emphasis on fast food restaurants and libraries. Customized overdose response plans will be developed and disseminated in order to guide staff in the event of an overdose.